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Hon Anne K Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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Re Allegheny & Eastern Railroad, Inc -
Abandonment Exemption - In Elk and Cameron Counties
Docket No. AB-854 (X)

Dear Secretary Quinlan

I am writing on behalf of the Applicant to respond to the letter from West Creek Recreational Trail Association, filed with the Board on March 3, 2008, requesting an extension of the Notice of Interim Trail Use for a period of 90 days from the current expiration date of March 8, 2008, until June 6, 2008.

Although Applicant is optimistic that the full extension period will not be required, Applicant hereby advises the Board that it is agreeable to the request to extend the period to negotiate an interim trail use and railbanking agreement with West Creek Recreational Trail Association

Please let us know if you need any additional information

Respectfully,

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